

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-14 and 16-22 are pending in the application and stand rejected. The Examiner has maintained the prior art rejections as applied in the December 27, 2007, Final Office Action. Our comments on the rejections are as follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-16 and 18-22 stand rejected as being anticipated by Myers et al. (2001). Applicants traverse this rejection as follows.

In the Remarks section of this Office Action, the Examiner contends:

Myers describes "[w]e also want Silver to support original compositions of two types. First, people might just shoot some video with a camcorder, and then later want to edit into a production. The camcorder has been interpreted as the claimed "another information appliance..." (Page 108, column 2, Types of Productions section). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to make and use the system of Myers with another information appliance such as a camcorder.

(Office Action, p.2).

However, while Myers does disclose that it is desired that Silver support original compositions, such as video shot with a camcorder, no portion of Myers discloses:

a control signal input unit that receives at least one control signal transmitted from an input device to control operations of the media file management system;

an interface unit that accesses media files stored in another information appliance by the control signal, and receives the media files.

Rather, Myers merely discloses that Silver is to "support different kinds of productions" such as "original compositions." One example of such an original composition is video shot with a camcorder. (p. 108, col. 2). Myers is silent with regard to how this video file is received by Silver. Consequently, Myers fails to disclose that this file could be accessed by Silver while

being stored in the camcorder. To the extent that Myers discloses that it would support video productions recorded by a camcorder, it does not disclose an interface unit which accesses the files stored in another information appliance (such as the camcorder itself).

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit claim 1 is allowable for at least this reason. Additionally, because claims 12 and 20 recite a similar feature, Applicants submit these claims are allowable for at least the same reasons set forth above. Additionally, Applicants submit claims 2, 5-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-19 and 21-22 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 4 stands rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers as applied to claims 1, 2, 5-6, 8-16 and 18-22 above, and in further view of Chernock et al. (US 6,229,524).

Because Chernock, either taken alone or in combination with Myers, fails to compensate for the above noted deficiencies of Myers as applied to claim 1, claim 4 is allowable, at least by virtue of its dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 7 and 17 stand rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers as applied to claims 1, 2, 5-6, 8-16 and 18-22. Applicants traverse this rejection as follows.

In particular, the Examiner concedes Myers fails to disclose displaying paths of the media files in the edit or search windows. However, the Examiner alleges that Myers suggests a plan to add support for any other views that might be useful. Thus, the Examiner contends that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to add www links (paths).

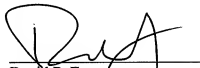
However, because the Examiner alleged modification, either taken alone or in combination with Myers, fails to compensate for the above noted deficiencies of Myers as applied to claim 1, claims 7 and 17 are allowable, at least by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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